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SUBJECT: SENEGAL CANDIDACY FOR ITU ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

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1. EMBASSY MAY AT ITS DISCRETION RESPOND TO SENEGALESE NOTE
ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

EMBASSY ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF NOTE FROM FONMIN ANNOUNCING

- 1) SENEGALESE CANDIDACY FOR SEAT ON ITU ADMINISTRATIVE
COUNCIL TO BE FILLED AT ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE TO
BE HELD AT TORREMOLINOS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 14, 1973, AND
- 2) AFRICAN AND MALGACHE UNION OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATION
PROPOSAL TO INCREASE NUMBER OF AFRICAN SEATS IN ITU
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL.

EMBASSY THANKS FONOFF FOR MAKING THIS INFORMATION KNOWN
AND ASSURES FONOFF THAT US WILL GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION
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TO SENEGALESE CANDIDACY IN MAKING ITS PREPARATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE. WITH REGARDS TO THE PROPOSAL RE ENLARGING SIZE OF ADMIN COUNCIL, IN VIEW OF THE INCREASE IN ITU MEMBERSHIP SINCE THE LAST CONFERENCE AT MONTREUX IN 1965, THE USG HAS CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE PRESENT SIZE AND GEOGRAPHIC COMPOSITION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL. HOWEVER, NOTING THE NECESSITY OF MAINTAINING EFFICIENT OPERATION AND ECON THAT HAS BEEN REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT IN SEVERAL YEARS. WHEN US SNAPPER

BOAT GEMINI WAS SEIZED OFF SERRANA IN 1968 AND DETAINED AT SAN ANDRES, GOC, IN RELEASING VESSEL WITHOUT PENALTY, ASSURED EMBASSY THAT IT CONTINUED TO INTERPRET 1928 ARRANGEMENT AS GIVING NATIONALS OF BOTH COUNTRIES RIGHT TO FISH A THREE DISPUTED AREAS. WHEN SNAPPER BOAT HIGH-LINER WAS STOPPED OFF SERRANA BY COLOMBIAN PATROL IN MARCH 1970, GOC OFFICIAL RAISED WITH EMBASSY QUESTION OF WHETHER US FISHING VESSELS OPERATING IN AREA SHOULD HAVE SPECIAL PERMIT. (AS INDICATED IN REFTTEL, US FISHING VESSELS OF FIVE NET TONS AND OVER ARE LICENSED UNDER US LAW TO

ENGAGE IN THE QUOTE COASTING TRADE AND MACKEREL FISHERY END QUOTE AND ARE DEEMED TO HAVE THEREBY SUFFICIENT LICENSE FOR ENGAGING IN THE TAKING OF FISH OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, INCLUDING SHELLFISH. THERE IS NO PROVISION IN US LAW FOR ANY SPECIAL LICENSE OR PERMIT TO ENGAGE IN FISHING OFF ANY PARTICULAR PART OF US TERRITORY.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CALL THIS INCIDENT TO ATTENTION OF APPROPRIATE GOC AUTHORITIES, ASK THAT COLOMBIAN NAVY BE REMINDED OF US FISHING RIGHTS AT QUITA SUENO, SERRANA AND RONCADOR, AND SUGGEST THAT COLOMBIAN NAVAL OFFICERS WHO MAY WISH TO CHECK NATIONALITY OF US FISHING VESSELS DO SO WITH DUE CARE TO PROPERTY, AVOID INTERFERENCE WITH FISHING OPERATIONS, AND ACCEPT VESSELS' DOCUMENTS AS EVIDENCE OF FULL RIGHT TO FISH ACCORDING TO US LAW. EMBASSY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHOULD ALSO REMIND GOC AUTHORITIES THAT COLOMBIA- US TREATY ON QUITA SUENO, RONCADOR AND SERRANA IS CURRENTLY BEFORE US SENATE; INCIDENTS OF THIS SORT

COULD ADVERSELY EFFECT
OUR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN SENATE' S ADVICE AND CONSENT. USG IS
ALSO CONCERNED OVER IMPLICATIONS COLOMBIAN
NAVY ACTION IN LIGHT

OF ARTICLES 2 AND 3 OF TREATY AND ACCOMPANYING
EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON FISHING RIGHTS. ALTHOUGH NEITHER
TREATY NOR ACCOMPANYING AGREEMENT IS YET IN FORCE, COLOM-
BIAN NAVY ACTION CLEARLY IN CONFLICT WITH ARTICLE 3 AND
COULD CALL INTO QUESTION GOC' S GOOD- FAITH INTENTION TO
HONOR THESE AGREEMENTS. ROGERS

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